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**RE: Public Records Request Received January 24, 2013**

Dear Mr. Musgrave:

This letter is in response to your public record request, received via e-mail, in which you requested the following:

1. *"any requests for proposals, proposals submitted by vendors, contracts, budgets or cost allocations for the purchase, research of and/or use of aerial drones, UAs, UAVs, and UASs (hereinafter "drones");*
2. *any policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on institutional use of drones, including on the legal process required (such as a warrant or court order), if any, before operating a drone;*
3. *any departmental records concerning this institution's use of and/or research of drones now or plans to use drones in the future including:*
  - a. *the types of investigations or instances in which this department is using or plans to use drones, or how it plans to support, manage or oversee the usage of drones by another department or office;*
  - b. *policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on storage requirements or procedures for video or static images obtained through use of drones, including retention times;*
  - c. *the altitude at which drones can or do fly;*
  - d. *drones' ability to carry weapons."*

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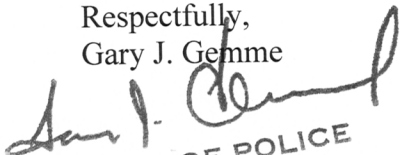
With respect to the afore-mentioned public records requests, please be advised that your requests under the Public Records Law have been denied for the following reasons:

1. No documents exist that are responsive to this request;
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  - b. No documents exist that are responsive to this request
  - c. No documents exist that are responsive to this request.

Please be advised that if you disagree with the City's and the Police Department's analysis of whether any of the items and documents that you are seeking are public records, or which exemptions and/or costs apply, you may appeal to the Supervisor of Public Records under 950 C.M.R. 32.08 and M.G.L. c. 66, §10(b).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Bureau of Professional Standards at 508-799-8694.

Respectfully,  
Gary J. Gemme

  
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